

***Congressman Adler Wrote in Support of Proposal to Help Purchase Safety Equipment for Local First Responders***

Burlington County - Congressman John Adler today announced \$247,050 in federal grant funds for Mount Laurel Fire District #1. Congressman Adler wrote in support of the Fire Department's application last year. The grant is intended to support the recruitment and retention of emergency response personnel through additional resources and training.

"Our first responders risk their lives to keep our communities safe," Congressman Adler said. "As municipalities deal with budget constraints, these funds will help protect our firefighters. Mount Laurel deserves its fair share of federal resources for public safety."

Mount Laurel Fire District # 1 will use the funds to purchase self-contained breathing apparatuses, face pieces for the apparatuses, two accountability systems and other equipment critical to first responder safety. Presently, the Fire Departments equipment fails to conform with certain codes and regulations.

"This funding will give our firefighters the safety equipment they deserve," said Fire Chief Robert Gallo. "I am grateful for Congressman Adler's efforts to help our community secure these funds."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to implement fire safety and prevention programs.

Last year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He supported the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided increased funding for Assistance to Firefighters Grants. This year, Congressman Adler announced funds for communities such as Lumberton, Moorestown and Pemberton.